IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH,

AT HYDERABAD

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S. RAO

W.P. No. 13632 OF 1999

Date: 09.08.2005

BETWEEN:

M/s. Veeranjaneya Waddera Labour Contract

Cooperative Society, rep. by its President

Jambly.

…. PETITIONER

Vs.

The Superintending Engineer, I & CAD,

Irrigation Circle, Nirmal.

…. RESPONDENT

ORDER:

M/s. Veeranjaneya Waddera Labour Contract Cooperative Society, Venkatapur, Nirmal Mandal, Adilabad District seeks a direction to the respondent not to insist payment of seigniorage fee on it. Reliance was placed on the Government Orders vide G.O.Ms.No.286, Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 11.7.1994. This Court while admitting the writ petition passed interim orders directing the respondent not to insist for payment of seigniorage fee by the petitioner-society.

By G.O.Ms.No.286, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Industries and Commerce Department modified the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.29, dated 18.1.1976 whereby and whereunder the Government exempted professional Wadderas and Traditional Stonecutters from complying with certain conditions while undertaking Government contracts. The Government initially issued G.O.Ms.No.19 dated 06.01.1971 exempting Wadderas from paying seigniorage fee. The same was clarified in paragraph 5 of G.O.Ms.No.286 dated 11.7.1994 to the effect that the professional Wadderas and genuine Wadderas Cooperative Societies shall be exempted from payment of seigniorage fee, if they satisfy the conditions imposed in various Government Orders.

In view of the clear directions issued by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.286 and other Government Orders, the Writ Petition is disposed of observing that if the petitioner is a genuine society formed by Wadderas, it is entitled to the benefits under G.O.Ms.No.286 dated 11.7.1994. No costs.

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V.V.S. RAO, J.

9th August, 2005

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